

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 4, line 17 to page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Prior art methods of file extraction are time consuming, technically demanding on the user and fail to allow conversion between differing devices, differing software, hardware, platforms, environments, communications standards, etc. Most consumer users, especially residential users, do not have the resources or the know how to undertake the transfer of the appropriate files and settings from one computer-based device-based device to another in a quick and efficient manner. In the enterprise or industrial environment, introducing new computer-based devices or moving/upgrading existing ones becomes a burden because of compatibility, loss of data, and time issues.

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 16, line 10 to page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After SEIM **604** is successfully downloaded onto the first computer-based device, user interface **608** is generated to get input from the user. In one embodiment, user interface ~~908~~ **608** is a set of network web pages. After reviewing the user interface **608**, users decide which files, settings, or other data need to be uploaded to a server for storage. Next, an instruction is sent from the SEIM ~~602~~ **604** to the application server **610** regarding information on the location of the files, settings, and other data to be uploaded. The application server **610** then runs a Dynamic Server Page (DSP) **612** invoking the SMOD, which then uses an Active Data Object (ADO) **614** to query the database server **616**. Next, database server **616** returns a resultant set in ADO **614** that contains the location info to be uploaded. The SMOD then steps through the records and creates a data stream that uses XML tags. This XML format of data with

tags specific to the present invention is called a directive file. The directive file is then passed on to XML parser 618 in the SEIM 604 where it is parsed and relevant files, settings, or other data are extracted. Then, the extracted data is accumulated in yet another directive file called the local directive file. Lastly, the local directive file is uploaded to binary data server 620 using a network transfer instruction.

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 17, line 15 to page 18, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The system associated with the method of Figure 7 is described in Figure 8. First, software module (SEIM) 802, compatible with second computer-based device ~~1104~~ 804, is downloaded onto said device 804 via network data transfer and using a user interface such as a webpage. In one embodiment, in the event of incompatibility, the system provides the second computer-based device(s) 804 with a response page with compatibility information. Next, the SEIM 802 identifies the file and data format associated with the second computer-based device 804. A user then requests various files, settings, and other data via interface 805 generated by the SEIM 802. The SEIM 802 then sends ~~an~~ a network data transfer instruction to the application server 806 requesting information regarding the location of a directive file which contains information requested by the user regarding the settings, files, and other data that need to be downloaded. The application server 806 then passes this information onto the parser 808 located in the SEIM 802. Next, The SEIM 802 sends ~~an~~ a network data transfer instruction to the binary database server (BDS) 810 requesting said directive file in a format compatible with computer-based device 804. The BDS 810 extracts the corresponding directive file and uses a format management module to render the directive file in a format compatible with the second computer-based device 804. Lastly, the BDS

810 returns the requested directive file to the second device 804. Once the requesting computer-based device 804 receives the directive file (containing the application settings, files, and other data), the software module (SEIM) 802 parses the directive file (via the XML parser 808), installs and updates necessary settings, files, and other data in their respective locations ~~such that~~ making the receiving computer-based device's operating environment similar to that of the first computer-based device. In a further embodiment, an option is provided in the SEIM 802 such that users can revert back to the operating environment previously held by the receiving computer-based device if they are not satisfied with the newly installed profile.